

Chapter PI 7

PUPIL TRANSPORTATION

PI 7.01 Physical requirements for school bus drivers. PI 7.02 Transportation in areas of unusual hazards

PI 7.01 Physical requirements for school bus drivers. (1) As of October 1, 1973, no person shall be issued an original or renewed school bus driver's license unless he/she meets all of the following physical requirements:

(a) Has sufficient use of both hands and the foot normally employed to operate the foot brake and foot accelerator correctly and efficiently. (see subsection (2))

(b) Possesses at least 20/40 vision corrected or uncorrected in each eye; has a minimum horizontal field of vision of 70° in each eye; and is able to distinguish traffic signal colors of red, green, and amber. (see subsection (2)).

(c) Is able to hear with or without a hearing aid a forced whisper voice at 5 feet. (see subsection (2)).

(d) Has no established history or clinical diagnosis of diabetes mellitus currently requiring any hypoglycemic agent for control.

(e) Has no current diagnosis of myocardial infarction, angina pectoris, coronary insufficiency, thrombosis, or any other cardiovascular disease of a variety known to be accompanied by syncope, dyspnea, collapse, or congestive cardiac failure.

(f) Has no established medical history or clinical diagnosis of a respiratory dysfunction likely to interfere with his ability to control and drive a school bus safely.

(g) Has no clinical diagnosis of high blood pressure likely to interfere with his ability to operate a school bus safely.

(h) Has no established medical history or clinical diagnosis of rheumatic, arthritic, orthopedic, muscular, neuromuscular, or vascular disease which interferes with his ability to control and operate a school bus safely.

(i) Has no established medical history or clinical diagnosis of epilepsy or any other condition which is likely to cause loss of consciousness or any loss of ability to control a school bus.

(j) Has no mental, nervous, organic or functional disease or psychiatric disorder likely to interfere with his ability to drive a school bus safely.

(k) Does not use an amphetamine, narcotic, or any habitforming or mind-altering drug.

(l) Has no current clinical diagnosis of alcoholism.

(m) Is free from tuberculosis in a communicable form as determined by a tuberculin test and/or a chest x-ray. (see PI 7.01(4) below.)

(2) The medical examination, except for those determinations made by the department of transportation motor vehicle division license examiners, shall be performed by a licensed doctor of medicine or osteopathy. The license examiners will perform the screening tests necessary to make determinations required by subsections (1) (a), (1) (b) and (1) (c). When an applicant does not meet the screening standard, he may be referred to an appropriate licensed professional for further evaluation.

(3) The medical examination results shall be recorded in the files of the examining physician. If an applicant meets all of the physical requirements listed in this code, and if the examination reveals no other health condition likely to interfere with his ability to operate a school bus safely, the physician shall certify the applicant's physical qualifications for a school bus driver's license. One copy of the completed medical form certified by the physician shall be filed with the license examiner at the time of license application or renewal.

(4) The medical examination shall be performed within the 3 month period prior to issuance of an original or renewed school bus driver's license, except that proof of freedom from communicable tuberculosis may have been determined within the 12 month period prior to issuance of such license.

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PI 7.02 Transportation in areas of unusual hazards. (1) **PURPOSE AND SCOPE.** Under section 121.54 (9), Wis. Stats., school boards are responsible for developing a plan which will provide the proper safeguards for pupils who must face unusual hazards in walking to and from school. In accordance with the requirements of section 121.54 (9). (c), Wis. Stats., the definitions of "unusual hazards" and "area of unusual hazards" in this chapter shall be used in the identification of such conditions and in the planning and implementation of measures to safeguard against them.

(2) **DEFINITION.** An unusual hazard is an existing condition which constitutes more than ordinary hazard and which seriously jeopardizes the safety of pupils in their travel to and from school. It is recognized that all traffic situations through which pupils must travel present some degree of hazard. That degree of hazard often depends on the age of the pupils concerned. When such hazards reach a degree of danger which is unacceptable to the community in which they exist, the school board, with its combined judgment reflecting the safety interests of the community, may identify such hazards as unusual for the purpose of proposing a plan to remove or diminish them.

(3) **AREA OF UNUSUAL HAZARD.** An area of unusual hazards includes any area in which any unusual hazard has been defined in accordance with subsection (2) of PI 7.02.

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